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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: IAEA TECH, JA

SUBJ: TRANSFER OF IAEA-SAFEGUARDED FUEL ELEMENTS FROM JAPAN TO
FRANCE

REF: A) IAEA VIENNA 4243; B) STATE 105830; C) IAEA VIENNA 4662;

D) STATE 116037

1. AEC HAS RECEIVED JOINT NOTIFICATION (JN) NO. JA/US 74-7
COVERING TRANSFER FROM JAPAN TO FRANCE FOR RECOVERY OF URANIUM,
PURSUANT TO AEC AUTHORIZATION RTD/EU(JA)-7, OF 60 MTR SPENT
FUEL ELEMENTS AND 21 FUEL FOLLOWERS CONTAINING TOTAL 19,050
GRAMS URANIUM APPROXIMATELY 90 PERCENT
ENRICHED.

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2. JN BEARS FOOTNOTE 3 STATING MATERIAL IS DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO US PRIOR TO TRANSFER, DOES NOT MENTIONED ESTIMATED 192.6 GRAMS PLUTONIUM CONTAINED IN MATERIAL.

3. MATERIAL IS SIMILAR TO THAT DISCUSSED REFTELS, REGARDING WHICH AGENCY INSPECTOR CONFIRMED THAT THE AMOUNT OF CONTAINED PLUTONIUM WAS CONSIDERED IRRECOVERABLE AND SUBJECT TO TERMINATION OF SAFEGUARDS.

4. VIENNA: WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S DISCUSSING SUBJECT TRANSFER WITH

AGENCY AND ASCERTAINING WHETHER IN THIS CASE ALSO PLUTONIUM MAY BE CONSIDERED IRRECOVERABLE AND SUBJECT TO TERMINATION OF SAFEGUARDS AND WHETHER AEC MAY THEREFORE COMPLETE JN AS ISSUED BY JAPAN, I.E. WITHOUT MENTION TO PLUTONIUM, AS WAS PLANNED REFTEL (D) WITH RESPECT TO SPAIN-TO-FRANCE TRANSFER. IF SO, ON ANY FUTURE TRANSFERS OF THIS SORT INVOLVING HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM, AEC PROPOSES TO ASSUME SAME POSITION BY AGENCY WITHOUT CONSULTING IN EACH CASE.

5. USEC: WOULD APPRECIATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ANY INFORMATION THAT CAN BE OBTAINED DISCREETLY REGARDING FRENCH VIEWS AND PRACTICE ON RECOVERABILITY OF PLUTONIUM IN SUCH HIGHLY ENRICHED FUEL ELEMENTS. END KISSINGER

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